

MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

ELIM BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

Atmore Baptist Church, at Atmore, Ala.,

OCTOBER 19, 20 AND 21, 1900.

OFFICERS:

J. T. FILLINGIM, Bluff Springs, Fla Moderator.
P. M. PRITCHETT, Bluff Springs, Fla Clerk.

The Next Session will be held with Oak Grove Church, in Florida, eight
miles south of Atmore, Ala., Friday before the
3d Sunday in October, 1900.

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STANDING RESOLUTION OF ELIM ASSOCIATION,

Resolved, That any member of any church constituting this Association, when visiting a sister Association, shall be recognized as a corresponding messenger of this Association.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Appoint committee to read letters.
2. Names of delegates enrolled.
3. Election of officers.
4. Appoint committee on preaching.
5. Admission of new churches.
6. Recognize members from corresponding bodies.
7. Return correspondence.
8. Invitation to ministers of the Gospel present, not accredited to this body, to seats with us
9. Appoint committees to report during the session.
10. Report of committees appointed last session.
11. Appoint committees to report at next session.
12. Report of committees present session.
13. Motions and resolutions.
14. Miscellaneous business.
15. Appoint time and place of next meeting.
16. Treasurer's report.
17. Disbursement of funds.

COMMITTEES TO REPORT AT NEXT SESSION, AND POST-OFFICE OF EACH.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—T. W. Fickling, U. H. Grimlar, Atmore, Ala.; Rubin Jordan, Flomaton, Ala.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—J. Z. Bryars, Bluff Springs, Fla.; J. H. Brown, Steadham, Ala.; W. C. Hall, Canoe, Ala.

MISSIONS—D. M. Merritt, Olive, Fla.; J. V. Steadham, W. M. Agerton, Atmore, Ala.

STATE OF RELIGION—W. R. Countryman, Perdido, Ala.; E. H. Adkinson, Flomaton, Ala.; D. S. Sowell, Wallace, Ala.

TEMPERANCE—J. R. Godwin, Atmore, Ala.; W. B. Thomlin, Perdido, Ala.; T. J. Coker, Roberts, Fla.

PERIODICALS AND PUBLICATIONS—P. M. Pritchett, Bluff Springs, Fla.; L. G. Beaty, Atmore, Ala.; J. W. Jeter, Flomaton, Ala.

WOMAN'S WORK—Rev. J. L. Bryars, Perdido, Ala.; J. H. McAnally, Atmore, Ala.; A. M. Lowery, Canoe, Ala.

INSTITUTE WORK—H. H. Patterson, Atmore, Ala.; D. M. Merritt, Olive, Fla.; J. Z. Bryars, Bluff Springs, Fla.

MINUTES.

FIRST DAY—OCTOBER 19, 1900.

The Elim Baptist Association was called to order by the Moderator at 10:30 A. M., at the meeting house of the Atmore Baptist church. Prayer by Rev. W. R. Countryman.

Committee to read church letters: Bros. J. H. Brown, U. H. Grimlar and J. Z. Bryars.

After the reading, messengers were enrolled, as follows:

Antioch—

Atmore—L. G. Beaty, W. W. Lowery, J. H. McNally, H. H. Patterson.

Bethsaida—J. H. Boon, E. L. Harper, Geo. N. Coker.

Blue Springs—C. Beasley, Joe Beasley.

Canoe—A. M. Lowery, W. C. Hall, W. S. Fountain.

Euon—

Judson—T. W. Fickling, J. E. Carter.

Little Escambia—Levy Knowles.

Mars Hill—A. Boon, J. V. Steadham, W. H. Gibson.

Magnolia—I. Jordan, L. J. Jordan, Rubin Jordan.

Oak Grove—J. A. Godwin, C. Hall, W. M. Agerton, C. S. Merritt.

Olive—D. M. Merritt, A. W. Majors.

Pine Barren—C. J. Ward, B. M. Bryars, U. H. Grimlar, W. J. Grimlar.

Pleasant Hill—J. Z. Bryars, J. T. Fillingim, P. M. Pritchett.

Pine View—E. A. Godwin, Jesse Godwin.

Perdido—W. T. Hall, W. R. Countryman, Rev. J. L. Bryars, J. R. Bryars.

Powelton—T. J. Coker.

Ray's Chapel—R. J. Bowman, G. T. Ward, L. C. Bowman.

Sardis—W. A. Killiam, J. B. Nichols, P. H. Adkinson.

Sullivan—S. W. Jones.

Traveler's Rest—W. R. Enmons.

Wallace—Letter.

Permanent organization was effected by election of Rev. J. T. Fillingim, Moderator, and P. M. Pritchett Clerk and Treasurer.

Committee on preaching was appointed, to-wit: Pastor and deacons of Atmore church, P. M. Pritchett and Alex. Boon.

Recess was taken until 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order at 2 P. M. Devotional exercises by Rev. L. M. Bradley—selection, 84th Psalm.

Corresponding messengers were recognized as follows :

Rev. L. M. Bradley, of Conecuh Association.

Rev. S. P. Lindsay, of Bethlehem Association.

Rev. A. S. J. Countryman, of Bethlehem Association.

RETURN CORRESPONDENCE.

Bethlehem Association—Rev. W. R. Countryman, Bros. J. H. Brown, W. C. Hall and Alex. Boon.

Conecuh Association—Revs. J. T. Fillingim, J. H. McAnally and J. L. Bryars.

State Convention—Revs. J. L. Bryars and A. M. Lowery.

Florida Baptist Convention—Rev. J. T. Fillingim.

Pensacola Bay Association—Revs. J. L. Bryars, J. T. Fillingim and Bro. D. M. Merritt.

Mobile Baptist Union—Revs. J. L. Bryars and W. R. Countryman.

On motion the following committee was appointed to report on Institute work, with other committees, to-wit:

INSTITUTE WORK—Rev. J. L. Bryars, J. H. McAnally and A. M. Lowery, with Rev. J. T. Fillingim added as chairman of said committee.

FINANCE—J. Z. Bryars, R. J. Bowman and C. J. Ward.

INQUIRIES AND REQUESTS—T. W. Fickling, W. C. Hall, E. H. Adkinson.

TEMPERANCE—B. Miles, Jr., U. H. Grimlar, W. B. Emmons.

PERIODICALS AND PUBLICATIONS—J. H. Brown, W. H. Killiam, S. W. Jones.

MISSIONS—R. J. Bowman, W. M. Agerton, Rev. A. M. Lowery.

The committee on Woman's Work reported as follows:

Your committee on Woman's Work find only four churches have reported anything on woman's work, and that less interest is being manifested in woman's work and organization. Let us pray the brethren may help and encourage the woman's society more in the future than has been done in the past.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. GODWIN,
Chairman.

The report was received and 2 P. M., Oct. 20 set for discussion.

The following resolution was offered, to-wit:

Resolved, That the Institute work of our State is a great work and

should receive the support of the brotherhood.

Revs. S. P. Lindsey, L. M. Bradley, J. L. Bryars, A. M. Lowery, J. T. Fillingim, J. H. McAnally, spoke on and for the resolution, which was adopted.

Recess till 7:30 P. M.,

NIGHT SESSION.

7:30 P. M.—Association was called to order by the Moderator. Devotional exercises by Rev. J. L. Bryars.

The committee on Missions reported as follows:

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

We are glad to say the spirit of missions is increasing among our people. We suggest that this body devise some plan by which the weak churches may be looked after and furnished regular preaching, and that all the destitution be supplied as far as possible for us to do; and that the churches be urged to give for Foreign, Home and State missions, and hope the next year will show an improvement on this line.

R. J. BOWMAN, Chairman.

A. M. LOWERY,

W. M. AGERTON.

The report was received and adopted, after being fully discussed.

Recessed till 9:30 A. M. tomorrow.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION.

9:30 A. M.—The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Devotional exercises by Rev. A. M. Lowery.

Rev. G. S. Anderson, D. D., Sup't of Minister's Institute, from Auburn, Ala., was welcomed. Rev. J. A. Howard, of the Alabama Baptist, and Rev. A. G. Moseley, of the Home Mission Board, New Orleans, were also welcomed.

The committee on Periodicals and Publications reported as follows:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS AND PUBLICATIONS.

We see from the reports from the different churches that there are but few who take and read religious papers, yet we are not surprised and cannot heartily recommend them when they are filled up with advertisements and other reading matter. Therefore we urge that

they give us a strictly religious paper. We recommend the Southern Baptist literature for our Sunday Schools.

J. H. BROWN, Ch'mn.

W. A. KILLIAM,

S. W. JONES.

J. H. Fendly, of South Bethel Association, was welcomed, The report on Institute Work was received and laid on the table.

At 11 A. M., Rev. L. M. Bradley introduced Rev. A. G. Mosley, who preached at that hour; after which a collection was taken for the church building fund for New Orleans, which amounted to \$24.55.

Recess till 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional exercises by G. S. Anderson, D. D., after which the report on Woman's Work was taken up, fully discussed, and adopted.

Committee on Institute Work reported as follows :

REPORT ON INSTITUTE WORK.

That we, as your committee, are convinced of the due importance of the Institute work, and recommend that it be fostered by this Association and receive our prayers, sympathy and contributions of money. Many brethren have testified as to benefits received from these Institutes. We therefore recommend that efforts be made to secure an Institute in this Association, to be held on date to be fixed for the future and place to be selected.

J. T. FILLINGIM, Chairman.

The report was received, and after being fully explained as to its workings, &c., by G. S. Anderson, D. D., was adopted.

On motion, Sunday's collection after 11 o'clock sermon will be devoted to the Institute work.

The committee on Queries and Requests reported as follows:

REPORT ON QUERIES AND REQUESTS.

We find that three churches have asked that the next session of this Association be held with them, viz: Bethsaida, Oak Grove and Olive. We recommend the Association meet with Oak Grove church.

The committee on Ministerial Education reported as follows:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We find very little interest manifested on this all-important question, and hardly anything being done. We recommend a hearty co-operation with the Institute Board as in operation in the State, as a means of better qualifying our ministers for the great work before them.

W. W. LOWERY, Chairman.

Recess till 7 P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

At 7 P. M. the Association was called to order by the Moderator. Devotional exercises by Rev. J. L. Bryars.

The committee on Temperance reported as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We believe that intemperance and the use of intoxicating liquors is but slightly on the decrease among our churches. We are sorry to say that it is yet very annoying to Christian progress in some parts, and we believe that if Christian workers would become more interested in God's work and not endorse liquor in any form, that intemperance would be done away with to a great extent.

U. H. GRIMLAR, Chairman.

W. R. EMMONS.

The report was received and adopted.

Rev. I. L. Taylor, of Conecuh Association, was welcomed.

The report of Rev. J. L. Bryars, Missionary for the Elim Association, was received, as follows:

Miles traveled 1482; religious visits made 129; sermons preached 127; baptised 13; awaiting baptism 5; Sunday Schools organized 3; days of service 127. Money collected by me while on the work \$47 34.

The report was adopted.

The time and place for the next meeting is 10 A. M., Friday before the 3d Sunday in October, 1901, at Oak Grove church, 8 miles south of Atmore, Ala.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to the church and people of Atmore for their hospitality and kindness to us during our stay in their midst; and to the officers of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company for passes and courtesies granted.

Rev. J. H. McAnally was appointed to preach the next annual sermon.

Adjourned till 9:30 A. M., Sunday.

THIRD DAY—SUNDAY MORNING.

The Association met at 9:30 A. M., Sunday, and was called to order by the Moderator. Devotional exercises by Rev. McAnally.

The Executive Committee reported as follows:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

127 days of missionary work by J. L. Bryars at \$1.66 2-3—	\$211 66
Amount collected by missionary.....	\$ 47 34
Amount paid by committee to missionary.....	164 32
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	\$211 66—\$211 66

Leaving a balance on hand of..... \$7 44

In obedience to your instructions your committee employed Rev. J. L. Bryars for half of his time at a compensation of \$50 per month, and he has faithfully performed said work, as shown by his report. Your committee deem these results worthy of the highest recognition on the part of the churches of this Association.

W. W. LOWERY, Chairman.

The Missionary Committee for the ensuing year is as follows:

Antioch—R. A. Hobbs, Canoe, Ala.
 Atmore—J. H. McAnally, Atmore, Ala.
 Bethsaida—J. H. Brown, Steadham, Ala.
 Blue Springs—Joe Beasley, Wallace, Ala.
 Canoe—W. M. Dunnaway, Canoe, Ala.
 Enon—E. A. Bray, Atmore, Ala.
 Judson—T. W. Fickling, Atmore, Ala.
 Little Escambia—L. F. Knowles, Flomaton, Ala.
 Magnolia—Rubin Jordan, Flomaton, Ala.
 Mars Hill—Alex. Boon, Atmore, Ala.
 Oak Grove—W. M. Agerton, Pine Barren, Florida.
 Olive—D. M. Merritt, Olive, Florida.
 Pine Barren—U. H. Grimlar, Atmore, Ala.
 Pleasant Hill—P. M. Pritchett, Bluff Springs, Fla.
 Pine View—Jesse Godwin, Hammac, Ala.
 Perdido—W. H. Havard, Perdido, Ala.
 Powelton—H. F. Hurst, Roberts, Florida.
 Rays Chapel—R. J. Bowman, McDavid, Fla.
 Sardis—H. C. Killiam, Flomaton, Ala.
 Sullivan—S. W. Jones, Nocoma, Ala.
 Travelers Rest—W. R. Emmons, Flomaton, Ala.
 Wallace—D. S. Sowell, Wallace, Ala.

The committee is instructed to meet, organize and report

to this Associational meeting.

At 11 A. M., sermon by Dr. G. S. Anderson.

Sunday's collection for Institute work amounted to \$25.03, which sum was paid to Dr. Anderson and receipted for.

Adjourned till 3 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 3 P. M. the Association was called to order by the Moderator. Devotional exercises by Rev. J. L. Bryars.

The Executive committee reported as follows :

We recommend the employment of Rev. J. L. Bryars as missionary on the same terms as the past year up to the 5th Sunday in Dec. ; also, that he be paid the sum of \$7.44, now in the hands of this committee, as part payment for the work to be done during the interim.

D. M. MERRITT, Chairman.

P. M. PRITCHETT, Clerk and Treasurer.

The report was received and adopted.

The Finance Committee reported as follows :

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Received for Minutes.....	\$25 76
“ for Foreign Missions	4 75
“ for Home Missions.....	55
“ for State Missions.....	1 54
“ for Orphan's Home.....	1 54
“ for church building, N. O., as per rec'pt from A. G. Moseley.....	24 55
“ Sunday's collection for Institute, as per G. S. Anderson's rec'pt	25 03
Total	\$83 72
Less the two receipts as above.....	49 58

Cash now in our hands\$34 14

J. Z. BRYARS, Chairman.

The report was received and adopted, and amount paid over to the Treasurer.

On motion the Treasurer is instructed to send to the proper persons the amounts for the different purposes, and also to pay himself \$10 for services, and use the balance, \$15.76, for printing and distribution of minutes.

The committee on Sunday Schools reported as follows:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Twenty churches have reported to this body 1,054 members. 823 scholars are engaged in Sunday School work, which is the study of God's word. Paid for various lesson helps \$95.07. We find from various statistics that thousands are engaged in the Sunday School work. The Savior says: "Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they that testify of me."

D. M. MERRITT, Chairman.

The report was received and adopted:

J. A. McDavid from Pensacola Bay, and Alex. Stewart, of Conecuh Associations, were welcomed.

J. T. Fillingim was elected as a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention.

After prayer by Rev. J. H. McAnally, and the song, "God be with you," the parting hand being given, the Association adjourned to meet with Oak Grove church on Friday before the 3d Sunday in October, 1901, at 10 A. M.

J. T. FILLINGIM, Moderator.

P. M. PRITCHETT, Clerk.

The Missionary Committee will meet on each 5th Sunday and Saturday before at the following churches:

1st meeting.....	Oak Grove.
2d meeting.....	Bethsaida.
3d meeting.....	Perdido.
4th meeting	Little Escambia.
5th meeting.....	Wallace.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF ELIM BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FOR 1900.

CHURCHES.	MISSIONS.						EDUCATION.			Orphan's Home.	Minutes.	HOME EXPENSES.				Total.	Value of Property.
	State.	Home.	Foreign.	Church Buildings. Not at Home	Associational	Bible and Colportage.	Ministerial	College Buildings.	Incidental			Pastor's Salary.	Repairs and New Buildings.	Poor, Fuel Sunday Schools, Etc.			
	Cash and vouch	Cash and vouch	Cash and vouch	Cash and vouch	Cash and vouch		Cash and vouch		Cash and Vouchr			Cash and Vouchr					
Antioch					\$ 1 00											\$ 1 00	
Atmore	\$20 30		\$ 4 20	\$14 05	8 02		\$ 5 85			\$ 20 28	\$ 2 85	\$ 178 65		\$ 21 48	275 68	\$1500 00	
Bethsaida				2 50	9 00				\$ 7 00		1 50	40 00		3 50	63 50	600 00	
Blue Springs											70	15 40	\$ 1 00		17 10	100 00	
Canoe				2 50	5 58						90	70 00		5 60	84 59	350 00	
Enon																	
Judson					13 25						1 00	15 00		1 00	30 25	100 00	
Little Escambia				2 50	4 78					2 50	30	12 50			22 58		
Magnolia					7 77						2 00	60 00	7 44	5 00	82 21	300 00	
Mars Hill				5 00	8 00					5 00	1 00	64 10		1 00	84 10	348 00	
Oak Grove				5 00	16 00						1 00	48 50	25 00	7 10	96 60	350 00	
Olive				2 50	17 40				8 65		2 00	55 00		9 71	95 26	360 00	
Perdido			3 35	2 50	6 10						2 00	60 00			73 95	275 00	
Pleasant Hill			4 38		11 40				30 00		1 00		10 00	12 60	69 38	500 00	
Pine Barren				5 00	22 27				3 15		1 50	60 00		27 00	118 92	300 00	
Pine View				2 00							50	18 00			20 50		
Powelton	13 54				8 75						50	75 00	91 40	11 85	201 04	500 00	
Rays Chapel				5 00	20 17				2 60		2 40	100 00			130 17	200 00	
Sardis	1 54	55	55	5 00	19 89				15 30	1 54	2 25	90 20		4 00	140 82		
Sullivan											61		6 35		6 96	300 00	
Traveler's Rest					7 40						1 00				8 40		
Wallace					6 06				6 50			75 00			87 56	125 00	
Sunday collection							\$ 25 03								*\$25 03		
.....	\$35 38	\$ 55	\$12 48	\$53 56	\$186 85		\$ 30 88		\$ 73 20	\$ 29 32	\$25 01	\$1037 35	\$ 141 19	\$ 109 84	\$1735 60	\$6208 00	

*Sunday's collection for Institute work.

STATISTICS OF ELIM BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FOR 1900.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES.	Membership last year.	Increase			Decrease.			Present Membership.	Officers and Teachers.	SUNDAY SCHOOL.			Preaching Sabbaths.	Reports prayer meeting	Reports Revival.
					Baptised.	By Letter.	Voucher.	Restored.	Dis. by letter	Excluded.			Erased.	Deaths.	SUPERINTENDENT'S NAME AND P. O. ADDRESS.			
Antioch.....	Escambia, Ala...			39														
Atmore.....	" "	S. P. Lindsay	L. G. Beatty, Atmore, Ala.	84					1		83	6	92	W. Lowery, Atmore, Ala.	2	No	No	
Bethsaida.....	" "	A. S. J. Countryman	G. N. Coker, Steadham, Ala.	22	7	4					33			J. H. Brown, Steadham, Ala.	4	No	Yes	
Blue Springs.....	" "	W. H. Hearn	C. C. Beasley, Wallace, Ala.	17							21				3	No		
Canoe.....	" "	J. M. Hall.	W. T. Hall, Canoe, Ala.	53	14	4			1		70	8	69	J. I. Davison, Canoe, Ala.	4		Yes	
Judson.....	" "		T. W. Fickling, Atmore, Ala.	40	3					1	42	4	26	T. W. Fickling, Atmore, Ala.		Yes	No	
Little Escambia..	" "	W. H. Hearn	A. J. Noles, Flomaton, Ala.	43	2		2		8	1	38	2	24		4	No	No	
Magnolia.....	" "	J. L. Bryars	E. M. Jordan, Flomaton, Ala.	93	1		1		3		92	6	41	I. Jordan, Flomaton, Ala	2	No	No	
Mars Hill.....	" "	A. M. Lowery	J. V. Steadham, Atmore, Ala	33	2						35				2	No	No	
Oak Grove.....	Escambia, Fla....	J. T. Fillingim	W. M. Agerton, Pine Barren, Fla	59	6	1		1			65	5	80	J. A. Godwin, Atmore, Ala.	3	Yes	No	
Olive.....	" "	A. M. Lowery	G. J. Rutherford, Olive, Fla	38	3	2		1	5	2	32	4	54	D. M. Merritt, Olive, Fla.	3	No	No	
Perdido.....	Dalwin, Ala.....	J. T. Fillingim	J. S. Richburgs, Perdido, Ala.	100	1	2				2	99	2	33	W. B. Thomley, Perdido, Ala.	1	Yes	No	
Pleasant Hill...	Escambia, Fla....		G. M. Gentry, Bluff Springs, Fla.	104	5		2	9	6	1	95	7	75	J. Z. Bryars, Bluff Springs, Fla....	2	No	Yes	
Pine Barren.....	" "	J. L. Bryars	B. H. Bryars, Atmore, Ala.	69				2	2	1	64	5	47	Wesley Godwin, Atmore, Ala.	2	Yes	No	
Pine View.....	" Ala.....	W. H. Hearn	E. A. Godwin, Hammac, Ala.	9	4				2		11	2	34	E. A. Godwin, Hammac, Ala.	1	No	No	
Powelton.....	Escambia, Fla....	J. E. Holley	Jno. T. Coker, Roberts, Fla.	22	2	3			6	1	20	3	35	H. F. Hurst, Roberts, Fla.	4	No	No	
Rays Chapel.....	" "	I. L. Taylor	J. W. Brewton, McDavid, Fla	41	2	4					47	5	53		2	Yes	No	
Sardis.....	Escambia, Ala...	J. E. Holley	B. Miles, Flomaton, Ala.	76	6	7		1	3	1	86				1	No	Yes	
Sullivan.....	" "		Lena Hubbard, Nocoma, Ala.	49	7				1		53					No	Yes	
Traveler's Rest ..	" "		W. R. Emmons, Flomaton, Ala.	21	4		2	3			23			D. S. Sowell, Wallace, Ala.		No	No	
Wallace.....	" "	J. T. Fillingim	C. M. Sowell, Wallace, Ala.	50					7	1	42				4	No	No	
Enon.....	" Fla.....																	
Total				1062	69	27		9	29	33	6	13	1051	59	663			

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS WITH MEMBERSHIP IN ELIM
ASSOCIATION.

NAME.	POSTOFFICE.	NO. OF CHURCHES PASTOR OF.
J. L. Bryars.....	Perdido, Ala	2.....
W. R. Countryman	Perdido, Ala
J. T. Fillingim	Bluff Springs, Fla	3.....
A. M. Lowery	Canoe, Ala	2.....
W. B. Moritiges ..	Flomaton, Ala
J. H. McAnally....	Atmore, Ala
H. G. B. Ray.	Canoe, Ala

